



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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The Future of Behavioral Healthcare

Goal 1: Improve Behavioral Healthcare Coordination

Objective: Improve the Coordination of Behavioral Health Services with Primary Care and Supportive Services and Maximize the Use of Available Resources to Effectively Address Behavioral Healthcare Needs by Reducing Fragmentation, Increasing Medical and Behavioral Treatment Compliance, and Ensuring a Full Spectrum of Care.

ROLE 1: Accelerate linkages between physical healthcare and behavioral health services.

ROLE 2: Provide content expertise on service delivery systems.

ROLE 3: Accelerate linkages between behavioral healthcare services and supportive services.

Goal 2: Leverage Behavioral Healthcare Prevention and Public Health

Objective: Leverage Mental Illness Prevention, Mental Health Promotion, and Public Health Resources – and Identify and Promote New Public Health Strategies and Practices to Reduce Risks for Behavioral Health Problems.

ROLE 4: Develop and implement effective behavioral health promotion, wellness and prevention activities.

ROLE 5: Continue the development and expanded provision of services and supports, including safety-net services that are provided by or under the control of SBHAs.

Goal 3: Coordinate Behavioral Healthcare Quality Improvement Efforts and Develop a Stable Behavioral Healthcare Workforce to Accelerate Recovery for People with Behavioral Health Disorders.

Objective: Coordinate Measurement, Electronic Health Records and Health Information Technology Initiatives as Essential Prerequisites to Improving Behavioral Health Quality in Tandem with a Stable Behavioral Health Workforce that Relies on Explicit Standards of Care and Using Best Practices to Deliver Quality Behavioral Healthcare Services to Maximize Recovery for People with Behavioral Health Disorders.

ROLE 6: Provide content expertise on the development of and inclusion of behavioral health quality measures.

ROLE 7: Ensure the adequacy of providers in the behavioral health workforce.

ROLE 8: Empower consumers to maximize control of their recovery.

Goal 4: Represent Behavioral HealthCare Coverage, Benefits and Payment System Interests.

Objective: Work to Ensure that Public and Private Insurance Plans Operating in the State Adequately Address the Behavioral Health Interests of Eligible Enrollees Through Covered Benefits and Payment Systems.

ROLE 9: Serve as the state authority for mental health / substance abuse benefits.

ROLE 10: Provide content expertise on benefits and scope and requirements for behavioral health services.

ROLE 11: Actively ensure outreach and enrollment of individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

ROLE 12: Educate on behavioral health parity.